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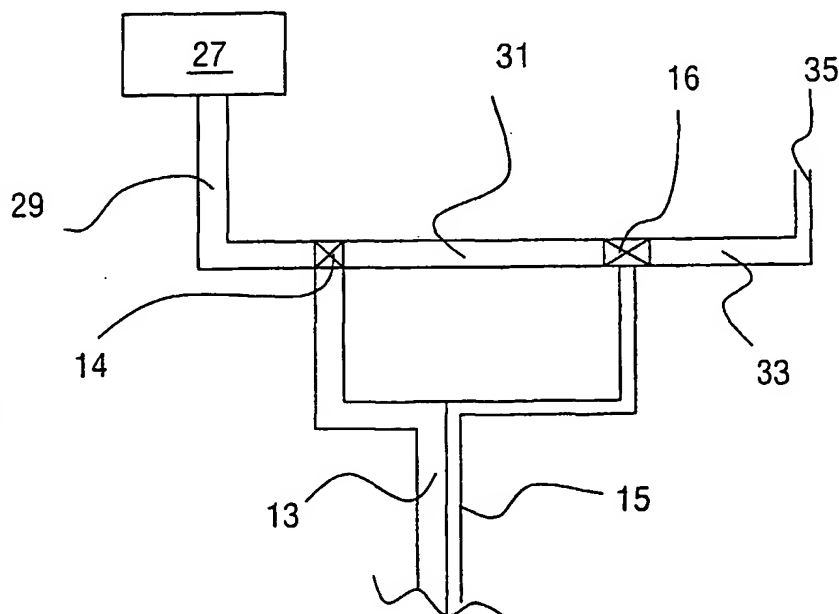
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(57) Abstract: A steam automatic dispensing device for preparing hot and/or frothed drinks, comprising: a first duct (13) for introducing steam inside said drink; a second duct (15) for introducing air inside said drink; an electronic control unit (51) for controlling the introduction of steam and/or air through said first and second duct, said control unit being programmable to carry out a predetermined control cycle depending on the desired drink to be obtained and on the drink temperature.

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